

TS-EAS - EAC-CPF team

Place: Virtual meeting, Zoom

Date: Friday, 4 December 2020, 7am Boston / 1pm Berlin / 11pm Melbourne

Attendees: Kerstin Arnold, Karin Bredenberg, Mark Custer, Iris Lee, Gerhard Müller, Caitlin Rizzo, Sara Schliep, Ailie Smith, Wim van Dongen

Note taker: Kerstin

Minutes

Introduction:

- Good progress being made with regard to the drafts for schema and tag library
- Plan to speak about the details for the call during the January meeting
 - Karin suggests to invite Adrian and Cory to the January meeting in order to include them in the distribution activities
 - **Task:** Silke to send invitation - and set up separate meeting in case 8 January does not work out in terms of timezones
- Plan to publish during January 2021

1) <reference> element

See also issue [<citation> #102](#)

See also Caitlin's paper

Introduction to the document - looking at decisions made and at @target / @href in combination with new attributes @conventionDeclarationReference, @maintenanceEventReference, @sourceReference, @vocabularySourceURI, @vocabularyURI; furthermore providing an overview of all linking attributes at the end of the document.

Kerstin notes some inconsistencies with regard to the current implementation in EAD3.

Mark explains that it is not simply all elements that can have text, but **elements with descriptive content** rather than **text node content**.

We would need to make sure that the documentation makes the difference clear.

More detailed discussion around possible use cases, e.g. linking a current <addressLine> element to a list of previous addresses when names of streets have changed over time.

Proposal to use <reference> for external linking and @id + @target for internal referencing purposes.

Agreed to not use <reference> as sibling element next to <reference> parent elements, eg no <reference> next to <p> or <descriptiveNote> (with <p>).

Suggestion to decouple <reference> and @target and to allow @target as a generally applicable sibling attribute to @id

Part 1: add @target to all elements

Decision: Add @target to all elements

Part 2: add <reference> as a sub-element to those elements where it could make sense to have a generic option to link to an external resource

Decision: Add <reference> as sub-element of descriptive elements

Task: Silke to create list of candidate elements during December and to ask for feedback

Possible approach: can now occur in <abstract>, <citation>, <item>, <p>; so if <reference> is parallel to that, we could perhaps go with <abstract>, <item>, and <p>. <reference> can also contain , as it is currently defined.

Additional question: do we also add @entityRef and @xpointer?

Decision: Do not add these attributes for now, tackle in the context of the EAD revision, add to EAC-CPF later on if required

Additional question: how to distinguish between using <reference @href> and @vocabularyURI / @vocabularySourceURI?

Decision: Deal with this via documentation, i.e. @vocabularyURI / @vocabularySourceURI are used for links specifically to vocabularies, thesauri, ontologies, while <reference@href> is used for generic resources (e.g. Wikipedia page with <reference@href>, but @vocabularyURI for Wikidata ID)

2) Encoding of <list>

See Kerstin's paper

Introduction to the document - mainly presents encodings based on <outline> examples from EAC-CPF files gathered via SNAC and others; note that these often are originally extracted from EAD where they would have been encoded via <list>

Suggestion 1: divert from the EAD3 approach (of having <list> in <item>) and allow <list> in <list> next to <item> instead - *and remove <list> from <item> in EAD*

Decision: Add <list> as sub-element to <list> next to <item>

Suggestion 2: allow for <head> within <list>

Decision: Add <head> to <list> -> also add <head> to <biogHist>, <structureOrGenealogy>, and <generalContext>

Action: Wim to look up the work-around implemented for #51 to check if there would be an alternative

Additional note with regard to encoding family trees (for documentation): include a pointer to <http://xml.coverpages.org/genealogy.html> for enthusiastic genealogists and XML'ers

3) alternativeSet / setComponent / componentEntry [#154](#)

Use of <alternativeSet> seems to be scarce, but we have got one solid use case from the National Library of Australia (NLA)

Task: Ailie to check with colleagues from NLA to get some more details on their implementation and workflows

Task: Silke to check name from feedback provided by NLA some time ago to confirm whether this was submitted by the same contact as Ailie has

Actual question on the table: if and how to allow EAC-CPF 2.0 in <objectXMLWrap> of an EAC-CPF 2.0 instance in the context of <setComponent>

Definition of setComponent from current TL: “A wrapper element within <alternativeSet> that contains the EAC-CPF encoding for one entire authority record, thereby permitting the bundling of authority records from multiple authority systems within a single <cpfDescription>.”

Decision: No decision yet, but wanting to get some more clarity around the NLA use case

4) Detailed open questions with some proposals for solution

- <generalContext> [#206](#) / <structureOrGenealogy> [#207](#)

Question: It seems that these include <chronList> in the draft schema (August version). Was there a suggestion to add this as a sub-element of <generalContext> and <structureOrGenealogy>?

Decision: Do not add <chronList> to both elements and keep the sub-elements <list> and <p>. Already agreed to remove <reference> as a sibling of <p>. <p>, and <reference>

- <languageUsed> [#209](#)

Question: Should <languageUsed> follow the same model as other plural/singular elements, i.e. should it include the date elements and <placeName>? Current child elements: child elements: <descriptiveNote> (0..1), <language> (0..n), <writingSystem> (0..n)

Decision: Do not add date elements and <placeName> to <languageUsed>.

- <relation> [#214](#)

Question: Can we confirm that <targetEntity> will not be repeatable, but <relationType> and <targetRole> can be repeated for purposes of translations?

Decision: Confirmed - <targetEntity> will not be repeatable, while <relationType> and <targetRole> will be

Question: The proposal does currently not include <objectXMLWrap> as a sub-element of <relation>. Should it be there?

Decision: Keep <objectXMLWrap> as a sub-element of <relation> seeing that it is available with <relation> in EAD3 as well as with the three current <...Relation> elements in EAC-CPF and it might be an issue with regard to converting to the new version. Furthermore, using <objectXMLWrap> in <relation> was suggested as a workaround for the request for having <objectXMLWrap> in or next to <did> in [EAD3 issue #517](#).

5) Any other business

Question of enforcing order of child elements

Decision: Remove enforced order with the exception of <fromDate> and <toDate> in <dateRange> as well as having mandatory sub-elements appear first.

6) Next meeting

- Friday, 8 January 2021: 7am Boston / 1pm Berlin / 11pm Melbourne